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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 28, lines 12-28 with the following amended paragraph.

Fig. 31 illustrates an example of a binding component 450 for binding the schedule to a specific business implementation and binding actions of the business process to specific technological components. The binding component 450 includes a technology specific information component 455, a schedule message structure component 460, a message declaration component 465, a port and message mapping component 480, a context semantics component 485 480 and a schedule conditionals component 490. The technology specific information component 455 provides information on the API or object for which the business process model is being bound. The schedule message structure component 460 describes the structure of schedule messages by associating an XML Schema ElementType with a message. The message declaration component 465 describes the association between a schedule message and the type describing its structure. The ports and message mappings component 480 maps the delivery of messages to ports within a schedule and also to objects outside the schedule. The context semantics component 485 provides association within the binding of the schedule semantics, while the schedule conditionals component 490 provides the conditional definitions for the schedule. A schedule call component 470 is provided within binding component. The binding component defines the schedule, while the schedule defines the flow of the business process.

Please replace the paragraph at page 29, lines 12-16 with the following amended paragraph.

As previously stated, the binding role is to relate the abstract schedule to the technology specific components. However, some technologies do not map naturally to schedule component translations (e.g., portTranslation ~~portTranslation~~). Therefore, the technology specific headers provide a place for this information. Fig. 8a illustrates translational header syntax in EBNF, while Fig. 8b illustrates translational header syntax in XML.